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Rebecca,

SEPW Committee (Chairman Inhofe staff) is asking again for the pre-spill timeline as well as the steps taken post spill to notify tribes, states, and local governments. These are the follow up Qs she sent again. Should I be routing “second requests” through Patti?

Pre-spill:

It appears that EPA started work to open Gold King in 2014, and ran out of time in the construction season and decided to come back.

It also appears that EPA conducted borings and other investigations in 2010 before opening up Red and Bonita to reduce risk of a blow out – but it does not look like similar actions were taken at Gold King. Can you ask Steve Way what preliminary work they did at Gold King to make sure it was safe to open the portal?

It also appears that the issue of possible inter-connectivity between Red and Bonita and Gold King was known and the possibility of groundwater rising to discharge at Gold King was flagged.

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